

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:00–4:30 PM or by appointment.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

First Tuesday evening of the month at the
7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration: Spots open – see
Chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We invite you to register. Please fill out a
form from the church lobby and drop it off
at the parish office. Please call if you would
like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM

Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd
Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A
Preparation Meeting is held on the
Wednesday evening preceding the baptism.
Please fill out a form from the church lobby
and drop it off at the parish office at least 6
weeks in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please advise the office of area hospital
admissions to request a pastoral visit or the
Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

Father will bring Communion to the sick on
the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the
office to schedule a visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

White Box Collection on the last Sunday of
the month. Call 519-571-8485 for
information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

☐ the intentions of (living) **OR** ☐ the repose of the soul of (deceased)

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please check ✓ your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

☐ The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

☐ The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday

☐ 5:00 PM on a Saturday

☐ 7:00 PM on a Tuesday

☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday

☐ 9:00 AM on a Saturday

☐ 11:30 AM on a Sunday

OR

☐ I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

** Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.*

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions:

October 17 – 20, 2017

MONDAY - NO MASS (MEMORIAL – ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE)

Tuesday (MEMORIAL – ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH)

7:00 PM - In Thanksgiving – *Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias*

Wednesday (FEAST – ST. LUKE)

7:00 am - Special Intention – *M.S.*

1:00 PM - School Mass at St. Dominic Savio C.E.S.

Thursday (FERIAL)

7:00 am - Int. of the Bediako-Cra Family

7:00 PM - Mass at the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha

Friday (ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE)

7:00 am + Onofre Clemente – *Leonor Fonseca*

Saturday (OUR LADY'S SATURDAY)

9:00 am + John Bauer – *Trudy Dallosch*

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab; Matthew 22:15-21

Sat. 5:00 PM - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of Mary Catherine Flannery – *the Flood family*

11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

St. Marguerite D'Youville – Foundress of the Sisters of Charity, the Grey Nuns of Canada. She died in Montreal on December 23, and since her death, the Grey Nuns have established schools, hospitals, and orphanages throughout Canada, the United States, Africa, and South America, and are especially known for their work among the Eskimos. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII in 1959 and canonized in 1990 by Pope John Paul II.

St. Ignatius of Antioch – The second Bishop of Antioch, Syria, this disciple of the beloved Disciple John was consecrated Bishop around the year 69 by the Apostle Peter, the first Pope. A holy man who was deeply loved by the Christian faithful, he always made it his special care to defend "orthodoxy" (right teaching) and "orthopraxy" (right practice) among the early Christians.

St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and from early Church historians. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and that we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan (Lk.17:11-19).

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born on July 22, at L'Hautecour, Burgundy, France, was sent to the Poor Clares school at Charolles on the death of her father. From the time she was twenty, she experienced visions of Christ, and on December 27, 1673, she began a series of revelations that were to continue over the next year and a half. In them Christ informed her that she was His chosen instrument to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart, instructed her in a devotion that was to become known as the Nine Fridays and the Holy Hour, and asked that the feast of the Sacred Heart be established.

Offertory Collections

October 7/8, 2017

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 2,557.80
 Sunday loose \$473.65
 Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... **\$ 1,235.31**
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,266.76

Mortgage envelopes \$ 515.00
 Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)..... **\$ 246.81**
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 761.81

Needs of the Canadian Church.....35.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Oct. 16	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Oct. 17	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Oct. 18	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 choir practice
Thur. Oct. 19	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	★	Mass at the Carmelite Monastery
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Oct. 20	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group

Meeting Rooms: CH = Church H = Hall B = Basement

M = St. Matthew Room J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

LITURGICAL ROLES

OCT. 21 & 22	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	G. Johnston K. Buchanan	<i>Can you help?</i>	N./B./B. Starr
Commentator:	<i>Can you help?</i>	J. Flanigan	T. Lee
Lector:	K. Friesen	V. DeVries	C. Mackid
Ushers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	F./B. Seaward P. Drohan	<i>Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Weber	Rye	<i>Can you help?</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	K. Friesen D. Weber C. Dokis	L. Reidel S. Sawchuk B. Seaward	T./K. Boettger A. Monte

St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar SUNDAY, NOV. 5th

5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Back again! Sponsored by St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, this dinner is now an annual tradition here in our Parish. Bring your family and friends for superb Italian spaghetti, a delicious multi-item salad bar, a great dessert, wine/beer bar and plenty of fun.

All proceeds from this year's Dinner and 50/50 Draw will go toward the purchase of an electric wheelchair for our parishioner, Clem Baumtrog, stricken with Parkinson's Disease. **Tickets NOW ON SALE after all weekend Masses in the Narthex until Oct. 29.**

Adults: \$12 | Children 4-12 yrs.: \$7 | 3 yrs. and under: FREE
Family Rate: 2 Adults & 3 children: \$40

To reserve tickets call John Deneau at 519-741-0434 or text 226-789-1094.



"Toasty Toes" Sock Drive

St. Mark's is happy to support #ToastyToes2017 again this year by collecting donations of NEW SOCKS from **Oct. 15 until Nov. 5** to distribute to area residents of shelters and those served by our local soup kitchen and self-help food bank. **Socks are the MOST requested item at shelters, but are the LEAST donated.** Clean, dry socks are essential to healthy feet. A drop-off bin is in the narthex.



Knights of Columbus October Calendar

Fri. Oct. 13 – Grotto Dedication
Mon. Oct. 23 – Bingo at Forest Heights L.T.C.
Tue. Oct 24 – Monthly Meeting
Sun. Nov. 5 – Pasta Supper

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (open to ages 19-35)

Halloween Hijinks – Saturday, October 21st at 7pm in the parish hall.

Our evening will include pumpkin carving, with a prize for the most creative design, and end with Glow-In-The-Dark Capture-The-Flag! Admission is \$5 to cover the cost of the pumpkins.

For full event details, visit our Facebook at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults. RSVP via email at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com, or on Facebook.

Christmas Carolling – Saturday, December 16th from 7 – 8:15 p.m. in the church.



C.W.L. News

St. Mark's C.W.L. would like to invite you for an **Evening of Prayer at the Carmelite Monastery this Thursday, Oct. 19th**. We begin with Mass at 7:00pm followed by a talk on our Blessed Virgin Mary given by Fr. Steve. Refreshments will be provided; please bring a light snack to share.

There will be time to purchase religious artifacts and hand-made items offered by the Sisters. Car pooling is available – we meet in the church parking lot at 6:15 pm. A monetary donation for the Sisters will be appreciated. For more info please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.



FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Thursday, November 2

Mass on this day will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

On this day, and throughout the month of November, the Church calls our thoughts to our beloved dead.

We are reminded to pray for our dead, and offer acts of charity and Mass intentions for the repose and union of their souls to God. By doing so, grace enables us to remember the bond of love that existed in life and strengthen that bond, undefeated by death. **During Mass that evening, the names of our beloved dead will be called out and Mass offered for their intention.**

To include your beloved dead for the intentions of Mass that day, please place the names of the deceased on a blank envelope and place in the Offertory Collection or give to Pam, at the Parish office.

If you would like to request a candle to burn in their memory during Mass, please leave a **\$5 offering for each candle** you request. These will be **4-day candles** that you may take home at the end of Mass or leave for them to continue to burn in the church.



If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Faith, you may leave your name and contact information with the parish office to be enrolled in The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly referred to as R.C.I.A.). This is a formation and preparation process that will **begin in October** and consist of weekly Wednesday evening meetings that will continue until the last week of Lent, March 21st. To become a full member of the Catholic Faith, a person must receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The program, therefore, is for people who have (1) never been baptized; (2) been baptized in another Christian Faith and are now seeking to be accepted into full communion with the Catholic Church, and (3) been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received both Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

PREPARING CATHOLIC TEACHERS

If you are a student studying to become a teacher and planning to teach in the Catholic School System, you will eventually need to obtain a pastoral reference from your parish priest, that asks if the person practices their faith and if they are active in the parish. If you are a potential teacher, therefore, and if you are not currently active in the parish, I advise you to consider signing up for a ministry in the upcoming weeks.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Pray to End Abortion

Sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Ewelina at 519-589-2919 or Patrick at 519-748-5548. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you **sign up** BEFORE coming to the vigil site to prevent one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Details on the poster in the narthex.

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